

# Superior Court Judge

## Larry D. Card, Third Judicial District

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**DATE OF BIRTH:** October 23, 1947

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Liberal, Kansas

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Mini E. Card

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**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 24 years  
Anchorage June 1978 to present

**EDUCATION:**  
Liberal High School; Wichita State University, 1965-1969, B.A.  
Political Science; Kansas University of Law, 1973-1976, J.D.

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
USAF and USAF Reserves, 8 years Active, 12 years Reserve,  
Major, USAF Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster,  
National Defense Service Medal.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Superior Court Judge, Third Judicial District, 1993-present;  
Assistant U.S. Attorney (Federal Prosecutor), 1989-1991.

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
American, Alaska, Anchorage Bar Associations; American Trial  
Lawyers Association; private and public law practice, 1976-  
1993.

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Board member, Boys and Girls Club of Alaska; adjunct professor, University of Alaska; member, various committees to improve the legal system; public speaker on legal system education, Anchorage School District.

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Walking, jazz, golf, World War II History, reading.

### **STATEMENT:**

I have been a Superior Court Judge for the past nine years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a "community father." Citizens present all types of problems for my assistance, and I find the work very challenging. I feel that my life experiences, including working various jobs while attending college, have prepared me well for being a judge. My goal is always to insure that "justice is done" in my courtroom. Many people come to court without an attorney, and though I cannot advise them on the law, I feel that I must give such persons as much information as I can about how the system works. Judges are called upon to make very tough decisions, regardless of the criticism that they may receive from those who may only hear a fraction of what the judge has heard or seen. I have tried to make my decisions for the right reasons, as supported by the law. It takes courage to make what one believes is the right decision, even if that decision proves to be unpopular at the time.

I personally believe in strong moral values, and I raised my children with these values. I have been married to the same wonderful woman for over 33 years, and I am proud of being a father and a grandfather, as well as a citizen of Alaska. In summary, I enjoy my work as a judge, and I will continue to serve the citizens of Alaska in an honest and fair manner.

# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Larry D. Card, Superior Court, Anchorage

**I. Judicial Council Evaluation.** The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Card to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote **Yes** to retain him as a superior court judge.

**II. Summary of Evaluation Information.** A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Card on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Card 4.0 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.4) in the categories of conduct free from impropriety, courtesy, and understanding and compassion. He scored 3.8 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	CourtWatch Survey
Legal Ability	3.8	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.6	---
Integrity	4.3	4.5	---	4.7	---
Temperament	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.7	---
Diligence	4.0	4.4	---	4.6	---
Special Skills	4.0	4.4	---	---	---
Overall	4.0	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.1

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

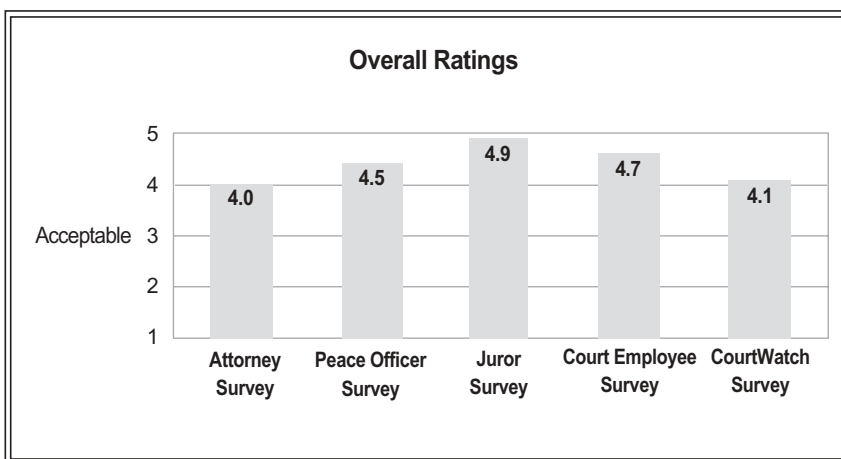
### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Card on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Card 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest in understanding and compassion (4.7). He scored 4.4 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Card in 2000 and 2001 rated him 4.9 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The CourtWatch Report prepared by Victims for Justice gave Judge Card a 4.1 overall rating on a scale of 5.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



**Recommendation: Vote YES to retain Judge Card**

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